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In re application of: <i>Attili et al</i>	
Appl. No.: 09/824,844	Art Unit: 2153
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For: Tracing Layer-2 Route in Networks Based on Broadcast Medium	Atty. Docket: CSCO-007/3484

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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State of CALIFORNIA)

I Sridhar Aswanthnarayan being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I and Ms. Sailaja Attili are the coinventors of claims 1-45 pending in the above-identified patent application.

2. Prior to January 24, 2001, we conceived the idea of tracing layer-2 route in networks based on broadcast medium, as described and claimed in our application. On a date prior to January 24, 2001, we submitted the idea to the legal department of Cisco Systems, Inc., my employer at that time (Exhibit A, which is copy of a portion of a report (redacted in parts) generated from a database used to maintain the status of various patent applications and patents filed by Cisco Systems, Inc.).

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3. The idea was approved for filing as a patent application on a date prior to January 24, 2001, and assigned to Mr. Narendra R. Thappeta (attorney of record) on January 16, 2001(Exhibit A).

4. Mr. Thappeta forwarded us a first draft of the patent application on March 12, 2001, as evidenced by exhibit B.

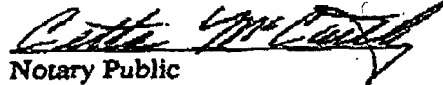
5. Mr. Thappeta forwarded to us the patent application as approved for filing and the documents requiring our signatures on March 28, 2001, as evidenced by exhibit C.



Sridhar ASWATHNARAYAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 10th day of August 2004.

10th September



Notary Public

